



Finance Committee

November 1, 2010

5:45 PM

Minutes

Call to order: Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry called the meeting to order at 5:45pm

Roll Call: Present for roll call was Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Donahue, Mr. Deeds and Dr. Bender
Also in attendance: Mayor Ebert, Nanisa Osborn (Finance Director), and Matt Peoples (Public Works Director)

Motion to approve minutes of the October 4, 2010 Finance Committee meetings made by Dr. Bender, seconded by Mr. Deeds.

VOTE: AYES: Dr. Bender, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Deeds,

NAYS:

Mr. Donahue abstained. Motion Carried.

Pended Items:

None at this time.

New Items for Discussion

10-23 2011 Appropriations

Ms. Osborn went over the expense side of the appropriations information that was included in the packet.

The original budget for 2011 is not much different from the appropriations. The capital projects are the same. The loan funding source for the sewer projects changes the mix a little bit.

The some of the highlights of budget are as follows...

\$20,000 for parks, \$80,000 for tennis courts, \$30,000 for trees, painting of one of the swimming pools, Gender Rd reconstruction project (grant used, as well, for funding), replacing fence around Public Works facility, purchase of a plow or sweeper, replace meters and roof repair at the Water Treatment Plant office, tower maintenance contract, phosphorus studies at the WTP and I&I removal plan.

The only staffing changes will be the addition of a part-time HR person and a community affairs intern.

The Planning and Zoning, Building and Development have been combined into one budget called the Development office.

Some employees have been moved from being paid out of Streets to Parks and Lands and Buildings, because that reflects what they do more correctly.

For the 2012 budget, Ms. Osborn would like to eliminate the Community Center funds. It was originally set up for the Community Center to be a special revenue fund, but they don't generate more than \$4000 in a good year. This will eliminate the needless moving of money from one account to another and will simplify the reconciliation when we are a city.

Discussion ensued.

It was discussed that the General Fund was at \$400,000 seven years ago when Ms. Osborn took over and now it is at \$2.8 million. Cable franchise fees, income & gas taxes were also discussed.

Mr. Deeds asked that we start the Technology Committee back up. It was discussed that the committee members should be chosen based on the intent of the committee. If it is to look at the infrastructure of the Village, then members from outside the community could be used. But, if the intent is to look into how the Village offices operate internally, those people that use the equipment and software should be included. Mr. Deeds stated that he was thinking it would be more of the infrastructure around the Village. Ms. Osborn stated that it could fall under Service Committee or as a separate committee, if wanted.

Tennis courts were discussed. Mr. Peoples stated that he spoke to Kimberly Miller-Smith recently to see what the schools thoughts are. It was also stated that we should wait and see what happens with the Parks levy tomorrow.

Dr. Bender will sponsor the 2011 Appropriations.

10-24 Amendment to the 2010 Appropriations #5

Ms. Osborn stated that the appropriations would be from two accounts. The water fund "Water other" would be amended to cover the expenses for the year. Income tax collections fee account needs an appropriation to cover the remaining expenses for the year. Since the enforcements are up, fees are up as well.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Donahue will sponsor the legislation when it goes to Council on November 15th.

Development Director's Report:

Mr. Strayer submitted two land leads to the state in the last month.

The Fairfield/33 Development Alliance discussed the draft of the 2011 work plan and there is a meeting on November 17th at 6pm. It is the investor's meeting; everyone is invited.

Discussion ensued regarding the expansion of Pediatric Associates in Pickerington and Diley Ridge Medical Center.

Finance Director's Report:

Nothing further to add.

Other Business:

Dr. Bender brought up a subject for Old Town with regards to the guidelines for Historic district / Preservation overlay and discussion ensued.

Next Meeting will be December 6th, 2010 at 5:45 PM

Mr. Donahue moved to adjourn this meeting of the finance committee and was seconded by Mr. Deeds.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Dr. Bender, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Donahue**
 NAYS:

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm